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The TATLER.

By *Iſaac Bickerſtaff* Eſq;

Notitiam primoſque Gradus Vicinia fecit,
Tempore crevit Amor, Tædæ quoque forte coiſſent,
Sed vetuere Patres, quod non potuere vetare,
Ex æquo captis ardebant Mentibus ambo.
Ovid. de Pyr. & Thiſ.

From *Tueſday June* 13. to *Thurſday June* 15. 1710.

From my own Apartment, June 14.

AS ſoon as I was up this Morning, my Man gave me the following Letter, which, ſince it leads to a Subject that may prove of common Uſe to the World, I ſhall take Notice of with as much Expedition as my Fair Petitioner could deſire.

Mr. *Bickerſtaff*,

'SInce you have ſo often declared your ſelf a Patron of the Diſtreſſed, I muſt acquaint you, that I am Daughter to a Country Gentleman of good Senſe, and may expect 3 or 4000 *l.* for my Fortune. I love and am beloved by *Philander*, a young Gentleman who has an Eſtate of 500 *l. per Annum*, and is our near Neighbour in the Country every Summer. My Father, though he has been a long Time acquainted with it, conſtantly refuſes to comply with our mutual Inclinations: But what moſt of all torments me, is, That if ever I ſpeak in Commendation of my Lover, he is much louder in his Praiſes than my ſelf, and profeſſes, that 'tis out of pure Love and Eſteem for *Philander*, as well as his Daughter, that he can never conſent we ſhould marry each other; when (as he terms it) we may both do ſo much better. It muſt indeed be confeſſed, that Two Gentlemen of conſiderable Fortunes made their Addreſſes to me laſt Winter, and *Philander* (as I have ſince learn'd) was offered a young Heireſs with 15000 *l.* but it ſeems we could neither of us think, that accepting thoſe Matches would be doing better than remaining conſtant to our firſt Paſſion. Your Thoughts upon the Whole may perhaps have ſome Weight with my Father, who is one of your Admirers, as is,

Your Humble Servant,

Silvia.

'*P. S.* You are deſired to be ſpeedy, ſince my Father daily preſſes me to accept of what he calls an advantageous Offer.

There is no Calamity in Life that falls heavier upon human Nature than a Diſappointment in Love, eſpecially when it happens between Two Perſons whoſe Hearts are mutually engaged to each other. It is this Diſtreſs which has given Occaſion to ſome of the fineſt Tragedies that were ever written, and daily fills the World with Melancholy, Diſcontent, Phrenſy, Sickneſs, Deſpair, and Death. I have often admired at the Barbarity of Parents, who ſo frequently interpoſe their Authority in this grand Article of Life. I would fain ask *Silvia*'s Father, Whether he thinks he can beſtow a greater Favour on his Daughter, than to put her in a Way to live happily? Whether a Man of *Philander*'s Character, with 500 *per Annum*, is not more likely to contribute to that End, than many a young Fellow whom he may have in his Thoughts with ſo many Thouſands? Whether he can make Amends to his Daughter by any Increaſe of Riches, for the Loſs of that Happineſs ſhe propoſes to her ſelf in her *Philander*? Or whether a Father ſhould compound with his Daughter to be miſerable, though ſhe were to get 20000 *l.* by the Bargain? I ſuppoſe he would have her reflect with Eſteem on his Memory after his Death: And does he think this a proper Method to make her do ſo, when, as often as ſhe thinks on the Loſs of her *Philander*, ſhe muſt at the ſame Time remember him as the cruel Cauſe of it? Any tranſient ill Humour is ſoon forgotten; but the Reflection of ſuch a Cruelty muſt continue to raiſe Reſentments as long as Life it ſelf: and by this one Piece of Barbarity, an indulgent Father loſes the Merit of all his paſt Kindneſſes. It is not impoſſible but ſhe may deceive her ſelf in the Happineſs which ſhe propoſes from *Philander*; but as in ſuch a Caſe ſhe can have no one to blame but her ſelf, ſhe will bear the Diſappointment with greater Patience; but if ſhe never makes the Experiment, however happy ſhe may be with another, ſhe will ſtill think ſhe might have been happier with *Philander*. There is a kind of Simpathy in Souls that fits them for each other; and we may be aſſured, when we ſee Two Perſons engaged in the Warmths of a mutual Affection, that there are certain Qualities in both their Minds which bear a Reſemblance to one another. A generous and conſtant Paſſion in an agreeable Lover, where there is not too great a Diſparity in other Circumſtances, is the greateſt Bleſſing that

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can befal the Perſon-beloved; and if overlooked in one, may perhaps never be found in another. I ſhall conclude this with a celebrated Inſtance of a Father's Indulgence in this Particular, which, tho' carried to an Extravagance, has ſomething in it ſo tender and amiable, as may juſtly reproach the Hardneſs of Temper that is to be met with in many a *Britiſh* Father.

Antiochus, a Prince of great Hopes, fell paſſionately in Love with the young Queen *Stratonice*, who was his Mother-in-Law, and had bore a Son to the old King *Seleucus* his Father. The Prince finding it impoſſible to extinguiſh his Paſſion, fell ſick, and refuſed all manner of Nouriſhment, being determined to put an End to that Life which was become inſupportable.

Eraſiſtratus the Phyſician ſoon found that Love was his Diſtemper; and obſerving the Alteration in his Pulſe and Countenance whenever *Stratonice* made him a Viſit, was ſoon ſatisfied that he was dying for his young Mother-in-Law. Knowing the old King's Tenderneſs for his Son, when he one Morning enquired of his Health, he told him, That the Prince's Diſtemper was Love; but that it was incurable, becauſe it was impoſſible for him to poſſeſs the Perſon whom he loved. The King, ſurpriſed at this Account, deſired to know how His Son's Paſſion could be incurable? Why Sir, replied *Eraſiſtratus*, becauſe he is in Love with the Perſon I am married to.

The old King immediately conjured him by all his paſt Favours to ſave the Life of his Son and Succeſſor. Sir, ſaid *Eraſiſtratus*, Would your Majeſty but fancy your ſelf in my Place, you would ſee the Unreaſonableneſs of what you deſire? Heaven is my Witneſs, ſaid *Seleucus*, I could reſign even my *Stratonice* to ſave my *Antiochus*. At this the Tears ran down his Cheeks, which, when the Phyſician ſaw, taking him by the Hand, Sir, ſays he, If theſe are your real Sentiments, the Prince's Life is out of Danger; it is *Stratonice* for whom he dies. *Seleucus* immediately gave Orders for ſolemnizing the Marriage, and the young Queen, to ſhow her Obedience, very generouſly exchanged the Father for the Son.

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